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From: Paul Helliker [phelliker@sjwd.org]
Sent: 2/6/2020 3:38:58 PM
To: Jordan, Deborah [Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Lots of change

I am impressed with your Zen approach - one to which I aspire, as well. Accentuate the positive, as the ditty goes. And I'm glad you have found some good folks to succeed the riders of the silver tsunami. We have been similarly fortunate.

On to dealing with the Governor's new voluntary agreement proposal... It looks generally good, but we need to figure out where the federal funding will come from.

Take care,
Paul

From: Jordan, Deborah <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 6:46 AM
To: Paul Helliker
Subject: Re: Lots of change

Hi Paul,

Thanks so much for your note. Alexis and Jane have retired but Jeff and Jeremy are still here. The Region has been able to continue to do its tremendous work over these last few years and we've hired lots of great new people to be part of our future. I'm so grateful for the chance to be with Region 9 every day! Thanks for your support.

Deborah

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On Feb 6, 2020, at 5:28 AM, Paul Helliker <phelliker@sjwd.org> wrote:

Hi Deborah - I saw the article today about Mike Stoker being ousted and you taking over as acting RA. Congratulations on getting the assignment! And for having been appointed to the Deputy RA in the first place. I imagine that it's a challenge being in the management at EPA in this administration. When I started at the Region in 1983, the circumstances were somewhat similar - Reagan had come in and put people in charge whose mandate was to cut staff and roll back regulations. Back then, however, the Democrats held both houses and they stepped in to

micromanage EPA's budget and hold the agency accountable for enforcing the law. I doubt that Mitch McConnell is doing much of that these days.

Did Alexis retire, or is she still working with you? I think a few people are still around from my days there in the 1980's - Jane Diamond, Jeff Scott, Jeremy Johnstone (a buddy from grad school), and a few others, I suspect.

Anyway, good luck with the transition, and with whatever comes next!

Paul